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SUBJ: JULIO CASTRO LOPO'S VIEWS ON ANGOLAN LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS

REF: LUANDA 0411 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: JULIO CASTRO LOPO, HEAD OF ANGOLAN JUDICIARY  
POLICE EXPLAINED IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF WHY HE DOES  
NOT WISH TO REMAIN LINKED TO NEW GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA;  
HOW HE FEELS ABOUT ASSASSINATION THREAT MADE AGAINST  
HIM; AND HIS VIEWS ON AUGUSTINHO NETO, THE MPLA, CHINESE  
AID TO THE FLNA, UNITA AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF JONAS  
SAVIMBI. END SUMMARY.

1. JULIO CASTRO LOPO (HEAD OF ANGOLAN JUDICIARY POLICE)  
CALLED ON DCM JUNE 7. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HAD LENGTHY  
DISCUSSION WITH ANGOLA GOVERNOR GENERAL-DESIGNATE GENERAL  
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SILVINO SILVERIO MARQUES AND THAT LATTER HAD URGED HIM

TO ACCEPT POSITION OF SECRETARY OF JUSTICE IN ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. CASTRO LOPO DECLINED AND IN FACT SAID THAT HE PLANNED ALSO LEAVE JUDICIARY POLICE SHORTLY. HE FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO BECOME IDENTIFIED WITH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT TO BE LEFT FREE TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WIDELY. HE PROMISED MARQUES HE WOULD MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR ADVICE, PARTICULARLY ON JUDICIAL MATTERS.

2. RE ASSASSINATION THREAT FROM AUGUSTINHO NETO AT TIME CASTRO LOPO BEING SPOKEN OF AS POSSIBLE GOVERNOR GENERAL, CASTRO LOPO SAID THAT EFFECT OF ASSASSINATION THREAT HAD BEEN HEIGHTENED BECAUSE HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN ABSENT WHEN CALL CAME THROUGH AND INFORMATION WAS PURVEYED TO HIS WIFE WHO HAS SINCE BEEN IN HIGHLY NERVOUS STATE. HE HAS BEEN PLEASED BY MULTIPLICITY OF NAMES SUGGESTED FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL SINCE HE THUS ABLE TO POINT OUT TO HIS WIFE THAT THERE IS SAFETY IN LARGE NUMBERS OF POTENTIAL ASSASSINEES. IN THIS CONTEXT HE PLEASED BY MANIFESTO OF ANTI-NETO MPLA INTELLECTUALS (LUANDA 0421, LISBON 2348) AND HE HAS CALLED WIFE TO POINT OUT THAT ASSASSINATION DANGER HAS OBVIOUSLY RECEDED SINCE SOME OF SIGNERS OF MANIFESTO ARE PRESENT IN BRAZZAVILLE BUT ARE PRESUMABLY UNCONCERNED AT POSSIBLE RETALIATION BY NETO.

3. CASTRO LOPO WELCMED INTELLECTUALS' MANIFESTO SINCE IT UNMASKS NETO. INTELLECTUALS REPRESENT THE EARLY MPLA WHICH WAS PRINCIPLED NATIONALIST AND MULTI-RACIAL MOVEMENT. THE 19 SIGNERS OF THE MANIFESTO ARE FAR FROM TOTAL OF THOSE FORMER MPLA ADHERENTS WHO HAVE BECOME DISGUSTED WITH NETO NOT ONLY FOR CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN HIS SOLE HANDS, BUT ALSO FOR EXTENSIVE CORRUPTION, INTIMIDATION AND EVEN MURDER OF THOSE WHO DISAGREED WITH HIM. CASTRO LOPO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD IN FACT DRAFTED ORIGINAL MPLA CHARTER BUT HAD EARLY ON BECOME DISENCHANTED. HE SAID SOME 22 LISBON-TRAINED MPLA DOCTORS HAD LEFT MOVEMENT, SOME EVEN GOING TO JOIN PAIGC IN GUINEA THUS PROVING THEIR DEPARTURE FROM PLA NOT CAUSED BY FEAR OF COMBAT.

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4. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, THE EYES OF WORLD (INCLUDING BULK OF PORTUGUESE IN METROPOLE AND ANGOLA) CONSIDERED NETO SYNONYMOUS WITH MPLA AND ASSUMED THAT MPLA HAD MAINTAINED ITS EARLY PRINCIPLES AND MULTI-RACIAL INTELLECTUAL ADHERENTS. HE FELT IT WAS NOW MOST IMPORTANT THAT THIS MYTH BE DESTROYED. HIS OWN BROTHER, RUI CASTRO LOPO, HAD LEFT ANGOLA AT AGE 18 FOR STUDY IN EUROPE

AND ON COMPLETION STUDIES HAD JOINED MPLA AT AGE 32, THINKING IT STILL MAINTAINED EARLY IDEALS. EARLIER THIS YEAR HE HAD LEFT, DISENCHANTED, AND RETURNED TO LUANDA WHERE HE BUSILY ENGAGED IN INFORMING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE OF THE CHANGED NATURE OF THE NETO MPLA. CASTRO LOPO HOPED THIS PROCESS WOULD NOW BE SPEEDED AS RESULT OF INTELLECTUALS' MANIFESTO.

5. CONCERNING OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, CASTRO LOPO WAS DISTURBED AT REPORTS OF CHINESE AID TO FNLA WHO APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPTING ESTABLISH BETTER POSITION FROM WHICH TO NEGOTIATE. AS FOR UNITA, HE CONSIDERED THAT JONAS SAVIMBI WAS MAN WHO MIGHT WELL HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN FUTURE. SAVIMBI HAD SOUGHT AND GOT COPY OF SPINOLA BOOK FROM ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH INTERMEDIARY PRIEST AND WAS REPORTEDLY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. HAVING THE POTENTIAL TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THEIR LEADER BY THE OVIMBUNDU TRIBE, BY FAR THE LARGEST IN ANGOLA, HE MIGHT WELL FIGURE LARGE IN THE FUTURE. AS TO REPORTS THAT SAVIMBI IS RACIST, CASTRO LOPO EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS. HE NOTED THAT SAVIMBI HAD OBVIOUSLY HAD NO CHANCE FOR MULTI-RACIAL CONTACT SINCE TAKING UP ARMS, BUT THAT HIS SCHOOLING BY WHITE PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES AT DONDI MIGHT BE MITIGATING FACTOR. POST

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